

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 27 through 51 are pending, with Claims 27, 36, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 being independent. Claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 36, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 have been amended.

Claims 27 through 30, 33 through 41, and 44 through 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,966,496 (Takimoto). Claims 31 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Takimoto in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 3,728,228 (Law). Claims 32 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Takimoto and Law in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 4,931,883 (Baumeister, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 27, 36, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 variously recite, *inter alia*, continuously writing the reproduced information signal or image signals into the memory or memory means when the recording mode discriminated is the first recording mode or the reproduction mode selected is the first reproduction mode, and stopping, on a predetermined cycle, writing the reproduced information signal or image signal into the memory or memory means when the recording mode discriminated is the second recording mode or the reproduction mode selected is the second reproduction mode.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that none of Takimoto, Law, and Baumeister, et al., even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 27, 36, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51.

The Official Action relies at page 3 upon, e.g., Takimoto's Fig. 12, items S45, S49, and S52 ("Inhibit rewriting of data of video memory 104"). This reliance is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that said figure shows, e.g., that the operation of writing data into video memory 104 is stopped, after track # 5 for LP, 10 for SP, and 20 for HP, but that such constitutes neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features.

It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such claimed features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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